

THE ELECTION OF 1897.

Low! the poor Indian leads the Wyck-ed Van and no one can see a Trace of the Republican party, by George. The first city of the country has fallen into the hands of the Democratic party, and the best laid scheme of the century on the part of the Republican legislature of the State of New York has gone agley!

Robert A. Van Wyck, the heart of the Democratic ticket, is elected by a plurality of 80,648. The municipal assembly is Democratic by a four-fifths majority. The significance of the election is great. It indicates that we may expect the return of the political revolution that has prevented a political party from succeeding itself in national affairs which has been such a marked feature of the campaigns since 1872.

The only official voted upon by the whole State was for the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Parker, the Democratic nominee, a free silver voter last year, was elected by a plurality of 59,000. The Republican party retained the legislature, but Democrats made tremendous gains.

Pennsylvania voted blind. She increased her majority to 125,000 Republican. There is a political atmosphere in Pennsylvania which paralyzes the Democrats. In all other States great gains were made by the Democrats, even in Massachusetts.

Ohio went Republican by a majority of 30,000 for Governor, and the legislature is Republican by a majority of five on a joint ballot. This great banner Republican State of 1896 shows she can "change as all things change here, nothing in this world can last."

It is unnecessary to say that Virginia went Democratic by world without end majority. Next year we will show you what we can do with West Virginia.

Kentucky returned to her former allegiance and can safely be counted a Democratic State from now on. Her majority is 15,000. Nebraska elected the Democratic ticket by a majority of 12,000. Colorado went Democratic by a safe majority.

Maryland, their Maryland, was was tolerably close, but the Republicans seem to have the legislature if there is no unseating done, and Gorman goes down; and there are many of his fellow Democrats who are not sorry.

On the whole we may say that the Democratic party, which was said to be dead, is alive again. There is great vitality in the old party; and the our enemies call us Bryanites we retain the grand old name of Democrats, and seem to be going forward to our due turn at managing the affairs of the government. We can safely assert that the result of the late election was more flattering than was expected or even hoped for.

ARBOR DAY.

The Superintendent of Schools has set aside the 19th day of November as Arbor Day for the State of West Virginia. The school children of Pocahontas will please take notice of the day and destroy some of the brush 'round their respective school-houses.

Let us imagine a celebration on the part of one of our Pocahontas schools. The injunction of the State Superintendent is read to the handful of scholars and the teacher talks on the necessity of trees to the well-being of the earth. The boys and girls will probably think of the corn-putch at home where the trees insist on growing faster than they can be sprouted down.

Give fools their gold, and knives their power. Let Fortune's bubbles rise and fall, Who sows a field, or trains a flower, Or plants a tree, is more than all. The next day the scholars, such as can be spared from husking corn, meet and the teacher leads them into the woods. There they learn something of the extraction of roots by pulling some maples or other small saplings. These they take and having taken seek a place to set them out again.

The historic games of "prisoners base," "bull-in-the-ring," "saw-in-the-mush-pot," "burny," "shoot-back," and other sports interfere with their healthy growth. The trees do not flourish and in a short time they are dead.

Another plan of working on Arbor Day is for the young innocents to take bags of walnuts, acorns and hickory nuts and go on excursions and dig a hole and put a seed in wherever the spirit moves them. With us we have no waste places, and the old farmer, whose life struggle it is to keep down the brush in his backings and other fields, would not approve of people planting trees there.

Real arboriculture must necessarily be very much of a farce in a county like ours, where so many perfectly formed trees are destroyed every year in clearing ground. The ground not in actual use for agriculture or stockraising purposes is already covered with such timber as the earth affords sustenance or the forest fires allow to live, and our efforts would only be directed to ornamental purposes, and we know the spirit of the majority of our cabiners, who, while building in the very heart of the forest, clear away every tree from near their homes.

Arboriculture receives great attention in Europe. The forests are pruned and thinned more carefully than our orchards. Hundreds of years ago the inhabitants there began to cover their unused lands with forests, and now most of the woodland of the Continent has been planted and raised by the hand of man. In England a gentleman who sells his oak trees is financially on his last legs.

Many years must elapse before a forest planted by hand would yield timber in return for the trouble taken, and the day has not quite come for us to be interested in tree planting more than our artistic sense should teach us to ornament our homes with shade trees. What we do lack tho is fruit trees. It brings the surest and swiftest return; but year after year those intending to plant an orchard put off the task until they look back over ten years of wasted opportunity, and think what a comfort and pride it would be to have a good orchard. If arbor day would put this in mind then it would amount to something. Plant apple trees, or graft a good apple on a worthless seedling, and you have done something for your country.

The newly elected mayor of New York will have a larger amount of political patronage to bestow than all his predecessors for twenty-five years together.

THE POCAHONTAS TIMES.

Five years ago this issue the present proprietors took charge of this paper, and since then have labored more or less faithfully to get out a paper each week and to give the people of the county as good a paper as possible under the circumstances. In that time they have only missed one issue, and that week we all felt as if we had forgot to do something that we ought to have done, and so far we have not repeated the experiment, and we have been blessed in not having suffered from accidents which might have delayed or hindered us. For four consecutive years the paper has not missed an issue. We take the opportunity of this anniversary to acknowledge the excellent support given us by the people of Pocahontas county, and to thank our patrons for their uniform kindness to us. There have been times when the people would not do any thing startling for us to report and we were compelled to draw on the imagination, but by hook and by crook we have sent out some sort of a bulletin each week. During the five years our subscription has by imperceptible degrees just doubled itself, and the gist of what we wish to say is to hope that the people of the county are as well pleased with The Times as The Times is pleased with them.

BITS OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

A book of poems of this delightful writer came under our observation the other day, and we will give some of the things that seemed to "run in the head" after reading them. A great many people object that his rhymes do not make sense but neither does the water falling over rocks, but both may be pleasant to the ear. The man, who can sing words together so that they string, need make no excuse for "jingling," when the muse takes him in her irresistible embrace.

The children that Riley loves to write about are very entertaining, if there is no sense in them, and his lines nearly always call up the bright little fellows who have most of them arrived at the only age when they are interesting.

Granny's come to our house! An' hol my lawdy daisy! All the children round the place Is it a running crazy! Fetched a cake for little Jake, An' fetched a pie for Nanny, An' fetched the pie for all the pack 'At runs to kiss their granny. Then "The Pet Coon" commences this way:

Noey Bixler ketchted him and fetched him in to me, When he's a little teeny-weenty baby-coon, 'Bout as big as little pups, an' tied him to a tree; An' p'gived Noey fifty-cents when he come home at noon.

At Aunt's House. "An' I ist et p'wires and things 'At ma don't low me to— An' chikun-jizards—(dont like wings Like parvints does do now?) An' all the time the wind blowed there An' I could feel it in my hair, An' ist smell clover eev' where! An' a' old red head flew Pretty high wite over my high-chair, When we et on the porch!"

The "Raggedy Man" has some wonderful tales to tell the little boy about his 'Grandfather Squeers.' "So remarkably deaf was my Grandfather Squeers, That he had to wear lightning-rods over his ears To even hear thunder—and often times then, He was forced to request it to thunder again."

Our Hired Girl. Our hired girl, she's Elizabeth Ann; An' she can cook best things to eat! She ist put dough on our pie p n, 'An' pours in somepin' at's good and sweet, An' nen she salts it all on top With cinnamon; an' nen she'll stop, An' stoup an' slide it, ist as slow, In th' old cook stove, so's 'twont slop An' git all spilled; nen bakes it, so 'L's custard pie first thing you know! An' nen she'll say: "Clear out o' my way! Take your dough an' run child; run, Er I cain't git no cookin' done!"

A Nonsense Rhyme. Sing, O sing! Of the things that cling, And the claws that clutch and the fangs that sting— Till the tadpole's tongue And his tail uplung— Quavered and falied with a song un-sung! O the dank despair in the rank morass, Where the crawfish crouch in the cringing grass, And the long hind rune of the loon wails on— For the mad, and soul Of a bad tadpole Forever lost and gone.

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GREENBRIER VALLEY DEMOCRAT.

A circular letter under the above caption is being sent out from Roncoverte, copies being sent to the county papers of Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe requesting them to publish the same, promulgating a brilliant scheme to form a stock company with an unlimited membership, (each member being a subscriber of course) and the shares at \$5 each. They propose to buy a \$1200 plant and setting up the same at Roncoverte to engage the best editorial talent of all that region and with a grand combination of wit and logic combat the evil influences of a certain Republican sheet soon to be issued from the printing office of the Valley Messenger.

We regard the movement as chimerical, as the region has already more papers than it can support, and agree with the Monroe Watchman which says, "In fairness to all parties we do not think it could be made a paying investment." Further the committee indirectly reflect upon, and ignore the efforts of certain weekly papers occupying the Greenbrier Valley, all Democratic. Let us see if the forces already in the field cannot cope with the new adversary.

The above are chunks of rhyme from the author's book called "Rhymes of Childhood." They are not meant to save the State or any such purpose, but they please the ear and leave a good taste in the mouth of the reader.

The many friends of Hon A. F. Withrow, of Bath county, will be pleased to hear of his return to the Virginia legislature by a majority of over two hundred. In 1896 his district gave a Republican majority of over a thousand.

The West Virginia Bar Association has been in session at Morgantown. D. C. Westenhaver, of Martinsburg, was chosen President. The next meeting will be held at Charleston during the next regular session of the legislature.

The F. F. V. train, running between Cincinnati and Washington, was derailed last Thursday near Charlottesville by the breaking of an axle on the locomotive. Four passengers were killed and seventeen injured.

Prof George Freerick Holmes, of the University of Virginia, is dead. He held the chair of history and literature in that institution for just forty years. He was born in British Guiana in 1820, and was educated in England. He was the author of a number of text books used in the schools of this country.

When the returns came creeping into Pocahontas in 1892, when a political revolution elected Cleveland, a Democrat passed a hillside cornfield, in which one of the most stalwart Republicans of the county was shucking corn, away at the upper side. He hailed the passerby, and asked him the news of the election. "All gone Democratic! Cleveland is elected by a big majority!" "It's all a lie! Just wait till I see my To-Lo do Blade!"

Even the Toledo Blade, then and now, concedes very heavy Democratic votes cast at the polls. A NICE lot of fresh lemons at J. D. Pullins & Co's.

Order of Publication.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County, to-wit: At rules held in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of said county, on Monday, the 1st day of November, 1897.

Matilda E. Malcomb (alias Matilda E. Wankles) vs. John N. Wankles. The object of this suit is to subject the lands of the defendant John N. Wankles, situate in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, to the payment of alimony decreed in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant by decree entered in the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the 5th day of April, 1893, in the chancery cause of Matilda E. Wankles vs John N. Wankles lately pending in said court, which alimony now unpaid amounts to \$ This day came the plaintiff by his attorney, and on his motion and it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant, John N. Wankles, is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within one month after the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit. Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk. B. H. SCOTT, Jr., P. O.

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Commissioner's Notice.

Office of S. B. Scott, Jr., Commr. Marlinton, W. Va., Oct. 29, 1897. State of West Virginia. Plaintiff versus J. W. F. Allemong, J. B. Blyholder, John T. McGraw, Amos Barlow, Morgan Messer, and Diana Messer, Defendants. The plaintiff and each of all the above named defendants, and all unknown owners and claimants of any part or parcel of the lands mentioned in the plaintiff's bill in the above entitled cause, will take notice that on the

30th day of November, 1897, at my office in the town of Marlinton, county of Pocahontas, West Virginia, I will commence the discharge of my duties under the decree of reference in the above entitled cause, a copy of which decree is published with this notice. At which time and place you and each of you can attend and protect and defend any interests you may have in the lands, or any of them in question in this suit. Given under my hand this 29th day of October, 1897. S. B. SCOTT, Jr., Commr. (Copy of Decree. State of West Virginia vs. J. W. Allemong, et al. In Chancery.

This cause, which has been regularly matured at rules and set for hearing, came on this day to be heard on the bill and exhibits therewith filed, summons returned duly served as to resident defendants and order of publication as to non residents duly published, posted, and completed, the bill taken for confessed, and argument of counsel.

Upon consideration whereof it is adjudged, ordered, and decreed that this cause be and the same is referred to S. B. Scott, Jr., one of the commissioners of this court, to inquire into and make report to a future term of this court in the following matters and things concerning the lands alleged in the bill to be forfeited, to-wit: A tract of 130 acres, a tract of 710 acres, and a tract of 1600 acres, and a tract of 335 acres.

1st—For what year or years said tracts or any of them have been forfeited for the non payment of taxes due thereon, and whether the said tracts or any of them have become forfeited to the State of West Virginia for the non payment of taxes due thereon and subject to be sold for the benefit of the school fund.

2d—The amount of taxes, interest, damages, and costs due on said tracts or any of them and unpaid. 3d—Whether the locations of said tracts are ascertainable, and if so their actual location. 4th—In whom the title to said land is now vested by forfeiture or otherwise, and who if any one is entitled to redeem. 5th—Such other matters and things as said commissioner may deem pertinent and any of the parties in interest may require.

And it is further ordered that said commissioner before proceeding to execute this decree shall give notice to the parties interested and all unknown owners and claimants of said land of the time and place when and where he will proceed to execute this decree, which notice shall be published in the Pocahontas Times, a newspaper published in Pocahontas County, for four successive weeks before commencing said account.

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October 20, 1897. Office of Commissioner in Chancery Andrew Price. Andrew Herold vs. Amos Barlow and others. All parties interested in the above styled cause will take notice the undersigned commissioner will on the 20th day of November, 1897, at his office in the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, proceed to take, state, settle, and adjust the following accounts:

1st—An account of all the debts against said H. M. Lockridge existing on the 19th day of September, 1891, showing in said account what debts or charges were liens or encumbrances on the land conveyed by deed from H. M. Lockridge et al to Amos Barlow et al, of date September 19, 1891, together with their priorities; together with all other debts against said Lockridge existing on the day aforesaid, which may be properly approved before him.

2d—An account of the real estate conveyed by said deed of September 19, 1891, showing its annual value since the said 19th day of September, 1891, less taxes and permanent improvements, and also its fee simple value. And report to court together with any other matter specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required to be so stated by any party in interest. At which time and place you may attend. ANDREW PRICE, Commissioner.

NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS.

To all persons holding liens, by judgment or otherwise, on the real estate or any part thereof of H. M. Lockridge:

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County made in a case therein pending to subject the real estate of the said H. M. Lockridge to the satisfaction of the liens thereon, you are hereby required to present all claims held by you and each of you against the said H. M. Lockridge, which are liens on his real estate or any part of it, for adjudication to me at my office in the county of Pocahontas and town of Marlinton, on or before the 20th day of November, 1897. Given under my hand this 20th day of October, 1897. ANDREW PRICE, Commissioner.

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